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Minutes of Meeting 20 February 1952 2:00 P.M.

Present: John P. Cranwell
Fred A. Voigt

Col. Eugene Moreau

James Reber

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1. [] called the meeting to order as Chairman, reviewing the purpose of the conference and asked [] to present the case in connection with recommendations made in [] pointing out that action was considered necessary at an early date inasmuch as an expurgated revision of [] was now being printed and would be presented to members of IAC by the DCI at an early meeting of that Committee.

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2. Mr. Reber indorsed the project as a whole, stating that he presumed that OSO had considered ways in which recommendations B-1, 2, and 3 would fit into the agreed activity problem. [] replied that this activity was considered separable and as far as known had not been considered a part of the agreed activity problem.

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3. The Chairman then asked whether the conference could proceed on the premise that all offices represented considered action and furtherance of the recommendations as both desirable and necessary. There being no dissention in such premise, the problem of how to implement the recommendations within CIA was next discussed.

4. In answer to a query as to what is now being done about detection, it was explained that within the Agency OO, OPC and OSO are already engaged in this effort, pointing out that, although CIA can do a great deal inter-office wise, other government agencies would have to participate to make the effort successful.

5. It was pointed out that a record of some suspect sources has been kept in OSO on an experimental basis and that there probably would be available in the field reports which are not forwarded to Washington because they are known to come from fabricators and because of the presumed great volume involved. It was agreed that headquarters of all

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agencies must begin to insist upon source identification, a practice now followed in OSO, OPC and OO.

6. The technique of handling suspect reports was discussed at length.

7. A proposal was made that the analytical desks forward suspicious material from all sources to OSO, where the desks may be in a position to coordinate and recommend. Upon agreement, procedure was discussed at length and it was determined that the method of detection beyond this initial step should be incorporated in an OSO plan to be submitted at the later conference. Such plan would include encouragement of inter-office conferences at the working level by activities of common subjects, area, or concern.

8. The ability to undertake this project was discussed and it was agreed that OSO should be the CIA control.

9. The "burn" procedures were discussed. It was pointed out that this OSO procedure is now in effect, indicating, however, its limitations unless other Agencies contribute fully to the material to be used in "burn" reports. The "burn" procedures as explained were agreed to as a CIA procedure.

10. Pointed out was the necessity for verbatim rather than highly "edited" reports in that items deleted might, in many cases, be the items which would show a similarity or fabrication of the reports. It was considered desirable that, especially in the scientific and technical fields, original raw reports be submitted to Washington by all field stations.

11. The procedures planned for OSO in implementing the over-all working of the interior techniques, in which the area desks would probably be the first ones to detect fabrication, were then outlined.

13. In answer to a query as to recommendations contained in B-3, as to the advisability of establishing an Inter-Agency Committee of the IAC, it was the consensus of opinion that it is inadvisable at this time to recommend the establishment of any type of inter-agency committee until the techniques have been proved by experience within CIA.

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SUMMARY:

In summary, the conference resolved that:

- A. Pursuit of this subject is not only desirable but necessary;
- B. All offices of CIA would cooperate;
- C. OSO would draw up plans for the implementation of procedures within CIA to establish the means of detection of suspect material and necessary source control;
- D. The "burn" process meets with approval;
- E. No inter-agency committee be considered until the procedures have been worked out within CIA;
- F. A further conference be held to discuss the technique suggested in paragraph C above.

Chairman

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